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NICKWACKETT FIRE HOUSE

Log Book

Fires and alarms 1874-1879



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Fires and Alarms

June 9th 1874.

Alarm off fire about 7 O'clock A.M.
which proved to be the house of Mrs
Freeze on Forest St Engine not out
1st 2^d at house

June 18th 1874

Fire, Saph. and Blind shop of O.S. Cross on
Turnace St alarm sounded at 12 O'clock
75 minutes Engine and company promptly
on hand and done good service, R. C. Allen
1st and 2^d man at house

Origin of fire Accidental

July 3rd 1871.

Fire, Dwelling House and Barn on West Street
Owned by J. W. Crumpton Alarm given 4 O'clock
5 minutes A.M. Origin of fire accidental.
C. L. Long 1st man and Levia Pierce 2^d man at house

Dec. 11th 1871

Fire, Carriage Shop and contents of Joseph E.
Sibson situated on the rear of No 134 Main St
Origin of fire Accidental Alarm given at 8
O'clock P.M. E. S. Southwick 1st man and Samuel
Dowling 2^d man at Engine House

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January 1st 1872

Fire, Shanty near 2^d crossing Alarm
given 8 O'clock 15 minutes P.M. Henry Justin
1st and Jon Lippincott 2^d man at house

January 25th 1872

Fire, Photograph rooms of H. Richard
on the third floor of No 15 Centre St the
fire was confined in the room of which it originated

February 28th 1872.

Fire, Harness Shop of A. C. Bates No 40
Centre St Origin of fire unknown Alarm
given 4.45 O'clock A.M. Jon Lippincott 1st man
and C. L. Long 2^d man at house

January 14th 1875.

Fire, Central House Old Red Store, Nichols Block and
Meriden Block and several Dwelling Houses in the
rear. Origin of fire unknown. Engine & Co.
Promptly on hand 1st stream on the fire by 10.1 alarm
given at 10.30 O'clock A.M. Charles Vinson 1st man at
house and James Dorsey 3^d

December 15th 1874

Fire, Dwelling House of A. C. Bates on Grove St. Engine
and Co. Promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of water
coupled on steamers and Engine returned to house. Origin of
fire. defective flue in furnace. Francis Gilman 1st man at house.

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January 20th 1875.

The Dwelling House owned by Chas Baiton and Occupied by the Sisters of Charity on Meadow St. Engine & Co Promptly on hand and done good service. Alarm given at 10.45. O'clock A.M. Origin of fire defective chimney

March. 24th 1875.

The alarm of Fire was sounded at 12.45 A.M. which proved to be the dwelling house on Woodstock Ave. Owned and occupied by Mrs. Carruth & Rufus Sims. Engine & Co Promptly on hand but owing to the scarcity of water did not do much good. succeeded in getting 1st stream. R. C. Allen 1st man at house.

April 20th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 1 O'clock A.M. which proved to be a dwelling house in Perkinsville. House unoccupied. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and did the best they could under circumstances. Lewis Caisy 1st man at house.

April 28th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 2.15 O'clock A.M. which proved to be a barn on East St. belonging to Jacob Edgerton. Engine & Co. Promptly on hand and played in No 2. C. J. Powers 1st Francis Gilman 2^d man at house.

Fires and Alarms.

April 25th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 3.05 O'clock A.M. which proved to be in the Book store of Dutton Co. on Centre St. Engine & Co Promptly on hand and done good service. Cause of fire accidental. C. S. Long 1st man at house.

May 15th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 4.15 O'clock A.M. which proved to be the Opera house owned by Am Y. H. Rifeley, occupied on the first floor by H. P. Cady and M. C. May. Engine & Co. promptly on hand and done good service. Loss heavy. well insured. Lewis Caisy 1st man at house.

May 19th 1875.

The alarm of fire was sounded at 3.45 O'clock A.M. which proved to be in a barn belonging to Miss Norton on Centre St. also the Blacksmith Shop of C. S. Long Grocery store of P. Cain and Dwelling house of. Origin of fire supposed incendiary. Fire dept. promptly on hand. but was delayed some time for want of hose. well insured. R. C. Allen 1st and J. H. Mabury 2^d man at house.

Fires and Alarms

January 15th 1876.

Fire. Robert Stewart Store and dwelling House situated on Strong Avenue. Alarm sounded at Nine O'clock 20 minutes P.M. Engine and company promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of Hydrants did not get a stream. Origin of fire supposed to be a defective flue. E. R. Diet 1st and Larance Kingsley 2^d at House.

January 18th 1876.

Fire. S. C. Bates & Sons Store House situated in the rear of the Bates House. Alarm sounded at 4.20 O'clock A.M. Engine & Co promptly on hand owing to breaking the Hydrant was delayed some in getting water but did good service the Origin of the fire supposed incendiary. James Ward 1st and Ed. F. Hunt 2^d Man at House.

February 15th 1876

Fire. Frank Michael Kelley. House situated on Green Street. Alarm sounded at 4.10 One O'clock Engine and company on hand but too late to save the building. Origin of the fire defective flue.

February 16th 1876

Fire. Bates House. Building. property of S. C. Bates situated on the corner of Centre & Merchants Row. Alarm sounded at 8. O'clock. Engine and Co promptly on hand and first stream on the fire. Building burned well insured. Origin of fire supposed incendiary. Company on duty 4 hours. E. H. Danton 1st and H. H. Milton 2^d Man at House.

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February 17th 1876.

Fire. Kingsley & Sprague Block on Merchants Row. Alarm sounded at 9.15. O'clock. Engine & Co promptly on hand and first stream on the fire and the Building was saved. Origin of fire from the Bates House. E. H. Woods 1st and Peter Stone 2^d Man at House.

February 26th 1876.

Fire. G. L. Cheney. Barn. Situated on Main St. Alarm sounded at 2.45 O'clock A.M. Engine & Co promptly on hand but owing to scarcity of water Barn burnt. one Horse and Cow perished in the flames. Origin. Incendary G. L. Young 1st at House.

February 23rd 1876.

Fire. Thomas Dookeys. Barn Situated on Hopkins St. Alarm sounded at One O'clock. 1. A.M. Engine and Company promptly on hand water being so far off lent our hose to No. 2. Barns burnt. Origin unknown supposed incendiary. Louis Casey 1st Man at House.

Fires and Alarms.

March 22nd 1876.

Fire. James Murphey's House situated on Green St. alarm Sounded at 9:15 P.M. Engine did not go out of the House Fire Cart started and returned. Cause of fire defective flue. G. L. Young 1st and S. Austin 2nd Man at House.

Mch 25th 1876.

Fire. Mansfield & Stinson Foundry Situated on Furnace St. Alarm sounded at 1:15 A.M. Engine & Co promptly on Hand. and did good service and saved the Building. Cause - accidental. S. Austin 1st and Longo Levine 2nd Man at House.

April 15th 1876.

Fire = Fredrick Gees House. Green Street Loss \$1,600 Insured \$1,200. 1st — — 2nd Man at House.

April 16th 1876

Fire

Geo L. Oakes dwelling House Grove St. ^{Estimated} \$2,000 Occupied by Grigg Valiquett. Furniture and clothing mostly destroyed. Insured \$1,800 1st — — 2nd Man at House.

Fires and Alarms.

May 18th 1876

Thomas Kinters House south End of Main St. Engine & Co promptly on hand. Insured \$4,000 Loss \$200. Supposed Incendary 1st and 2nd at house.

May 20th 1876.

Jack Triffins House Granger St. damage slight. Cause accidental Engine & Co promptly on hand 1st and 2nd at house.

Sept 2^d 1876

Obrine house Howe St damage small. Cause from stove pipe Engine & Co promptly on hand 1st 2^d at House

Oct 9th 1876

James Gallighers House south end of Main St. Loss 400 Insured. Cause accidental Engine & Co promptly on hand. 1st 2^d at House.

Dec 19th 1876

Patrick Kelley's House situated on Strong Ave. small frame building. Loss 1500 Cause Incendary Engine & Co promptly on hand 1st 2^d at House

Fires and Alarms.

Dec. 19th 1876.

Mrs. H. H. McCall Store occupied by
Hovack & Murphy (Merchant Tailors)
and situated on Merchants Row. Loss \$158. supposed
to have been an Incendiary Fire.
1st & 2^d at House.

Jan'y 31st 1877

Manfield & Stinsons Foundry. Loss \$200
Insured cause spark from chimneys.
Engine & Co promptly on hand. with 2^d stream on fire
2^d at House.

Feb'y 16th 1877

Mrs Margaret Bailays House Green St.
Loss \$2,000 Insured \$1,600 supposed to have
caught from stove in back kitchen.
Engine & Co promptly on hand.
1st & 2^d at House

Feb'y 28th 1877

Mrs Robert Pierpoints House. West St
damaged slightly. accidental. Engine
& Co Promptly on hand but the Sheldon
Hose having it under control did
not string Hose.
1st & 2^d at House.

Fires and Alarms.

March 30th 1877

House occupied by Johnson situated
on Elm St. accidental damage slight
1st & 2^d at house.

March 30th 1877

Francis Gilmans House. situated on
East St. Loss \$2,000 Insured \$1,050.
caught from chimney in Cell Part
1st & 2^d at House

April 3^d 1877

Fred Shattucks House situated on Elm
St. damage small. supposed to be Incendiary
1st & 2^d at House.

April 20th 1877

H. R. Dyers House situated on the corner of Main &
Green Sts. Loss \$2,500 Insured. Engine & Company promptly
on hand. supposed Incendiary.
1st & 2^d at Engine House.

April 28th 1877

Patricks Lathers House situated on Mechanic
St. House & contents entirely destroyed Loss \$2,000
Insured \$1,200. Two of his children were quite seriously
burnt.
1st & 2^d at Engine House.

Fires & Alarms.

June 6th 1877.

House belonging to W. H. Smith unoccupied
situated on Green St. Engine & Company promptly
on hand did not save the house & supposed incendiary.

Loss \$1,000 fully Insured

1st

+ 2^d at Engine House

June 12th 1877.

Building belonging to E. Q. Keyes & Co.
situated on Main St. Unoccupied. Engine
& Company promptly on hand building burned. Supposed
Incendary. Loss \$800 Insured \$750.

1st

+ 2^d at Engine House.

June 12th 1877

House occupied by John Valiquette situated on
West St. Caught on the roof by a spark from a
passing locomotive. Engine & Co. started for the
fire but were ordered back. Damage slight.

1st

+ 2^d at Engine House.

July 12th 1877

House belonging to Barney Travers situated on
West St. Engine & Co. promptly on hand took water from
the creek. fire supposed to have caught from the chimney.

Loss \$2500 Insured \$2,000

1st

+ 3^d at Engine House

Fires & Alarms.

July 16th 1877

House belonging to Bartley Gilman situated
on St. Loss \$600 Insured fully. Engine
& Company on hand after considerable delay for help.

1st

2^d

at Engine House.

August 9th 1877

Blacksmith & Carriage shop of Levi Minor
Terrill St. burned Loss \$700 Insured for \$500
Engine & Co. on hand did very fair service.

1st

2^d

at Engine House.

Sept 4th 1877

Bates House. situated on the Cor^r of Merchants Row
& Centre St. Saw trifling caught from a
defective flue. or fire place. Engine & Co.
promptly on hand.

1st

2^d

at Engine House.

Sept 14th 1877

House of John Fitzgerald a little East of
East St. burned. Loss \$1,500 Insured
Engine & Co. turned out the fire being so far
away put up apparatus.

1st

2^d

at Engine House

July 9th 1877

Barn of Stephen Sheridan West St.
burned Loss \$250 Insured

1st

2^d

at Engine House

Fires & Alarms

Oct 1st 1877

Millenary Room of Miss Thornton on
Washington St. rather a suspicious fire
and damage small.

1st

2^d at Engine House

There has been several small fires during the
Year that there has been no alarm sounded for
and some that the whistle of Mansfield & Stinson
has blown for which I have made no record of.

Floor Paint

- 7 lbs Yellow Ochre
- 3 Quarts Boiled Oil
- 1 Quart Turpentine
- 1/2 Pint Dryer
- 1 Pint Varnish mix well & Brush hard

Fires and Alarms

January 24th 1878

House belonging to John Constantine situated
on the road south of Woodstock Avenue
Burned Engine Co promptly on hand but
were unable to get water Alarm Sounded
at 1 P.M. James Dougherty 1st A Austin 2^d at
38 Men Present Engine House

February 1st 1878

House belonging to John Mc Carvitt situated on
Green St. Alarm Sounded about 7 A.M. Hose Co
promptly on hand first Stream A Austin 1st James
Dougherty 2^d man at Engine House 38 Men Present

Feb 6th 1878

House belonging to John Keegan situated East
of the Village Burned Alarm Sounded at 11.30 A.M.
Hose Co promptly on hand but of no service G. F. Silmore
1st J. Kingsley 2^d at Engine House 30 Men Present

Feb 21st 1878

Shop belonging to Isabella Mc Carthy situated
on Lincoln Avenue Alarm Sounded
the Co promptly on hand Hose Co first Stream
and did service M. Costello 1st John Caplin 2^d
at Engine House 52 Men Present

Fires and Alarms

February 24th 1878

Block belonging to W. C. Dandon situated on the corner of Merchants Row & West St Burned alarm sounded 230 A.M. Engine & Hose Co promptly on hand Hose Co first Water C. F. Gilmore 1st and Jas. Ward 2^d at Engine House 40 Men Present

March 7th 1878

Fire Alarm Sounded at 12.45. A.M. Proved to be a small frame Dwelling owned and occupied by Bryan Mc Donough Situated on the lower end of Main St known as Souger Hill. Company and Hose Cart promptly on hand Second Stream on fire 32 Men Present

C. F. Gilmore 1st Louis Abare 2^d at Engine House

March 14th 1878

Fire Alarm Sounded at 12.10 A.M. proved to be a small frame Dwelling House owned and occupied by one Michael Garrity Situated on Strongs Avenue House Burned & Furniture partially saved Company promptly out but did not work the Engine 28 Men Present B. J. Flynn 1st Henry Austin 2^d at Engine House

Fires and Alarms

March 10th 1878

Fire Alarm Sounded 130 P.M. House belonging to H. W. Bennett ^{situated Franklin St} and occupied by Ricker as a Boarding House Damage slight Engine Company promptly on hand did not work the Engine G. L. Young 1st man at Engine House and H. H. Hilton 2^d. 51 Men Present

March 30th 1878

House belonging to Mansfield & Stinson first floor occupied as saloon situated on Main Street Alarm Sounded at 250 A.M. Engine Co promptly on hand first Stream on fire C. F. Gilmore 1st man at Engine House 30 Men Present

April 7th 1878

Alarm of Fire Sounded at 11 A.M. proved to be Geo Harts Sugar House in the east part of the Town 25 Men at the House 1st at Engine House William Marker 2^d H. H. Hilton

April 16th 1878

House belonging to Mrs Burk Situated on Strongs Ave Alarm given at 2 A.M. Company promptly on hand 43 Men present A. Austin 1st at Engine House James Ward 2^d

Fires & Alarms

April 21st 1878

Fire Bramton Block Situated on Merchants Row Occupants Globe Paper Co. in North Store
H. A. Sawyer & Co South Store Building partially
Burned Alarm Given at 4:30 am Number of
men 43 1st Jas Ward 2^d Berney Mc Conn

April 30th 1878

Fire John Denan Barn situated on West St Alarm given at 12:40 am Co promptly
on hand but did not go to the fire Number
of men 26 1st man J. C. Gibson 2^d William
Mather

May 1st 1878

Fire Alarm given at 1:50 am company
promptly on hand 1st Stream on fire House
belonging to C. D. Keyes Situated on the
Corner of Grove & Maple St House Burned
Down fire accidental Number of men 38
1st Louis Cairney 2^d man at Engine House
Austin

July 24th 1878

Alarm Fire at 8:40 P.M. proved to be in
the Black Smith Shop of J. Austin & John
Mc Mahon Situated on West St Co promptly
on hand Number of men 32 1st Jas Dougherty
W. J. Higgins 2^d man at Engine House

Fires & Alarms

Aug 4th 1878

House belonging to Patrick Fagins situated
on the Extension of Madison St House
Consumed Co promptly on hand but did
not work the machine 30 men present
E. L. Young 1st M. J. Higgins 2^d man Engine House
Alarm Given 10 P.M.

August 19th 1878

Fire House belonging to John Mc Lowin
Situated on Hopkins St House Consumed Company
promptly on hand Engine did not work. Hose
Company got the Second Stream on Fire Number
of men present 38 Berney Mc Conn 1st
A. Austin 2^d man at Engine House

August 24th 1878

Fire House belonging to Bat Collins Situated on the
South end of Main St House & most of the contents
Consumed Company promptly on hand and did
good service Alarm Given at 2:15 am Number of
present 26 James Dougherty 1st W. B. Threll 2^d
man at Engine House

August 24th 1878

Fire House belonging to Mary Mc Donough Situated on the
South end of Main St House Consumed contents mostly saved
Company on hand and did good work Alarm given at
8:30 am Number of men present 34 E. L. Young
1st & 2^d man at Engine House

Fires and Alarms

Sept 11th 1878

Fire proved to be in the Tannery of Mansfield & Stimpson on Union St Company promptly on hand and did not work Building saved with but little damage Alarm given at 3 Am Number of Men present 36 James H. Ward 1st Lee S. Young 2^d Man at the Engine House

Oct 19th 1878

Fire proved to be the House of John Foley on Mineral St fire caught from a defect in the Chimney Company turned out promptly but did not reach the fire Alarm given at 130 P.M. Number of Men present 49 James H. Ward 1st Henry Austin 2^d Man at the Engine House

Nov 28th 1878

Fire Kelley School House situated on the corner of Church and William St Alarm given at 235 Am Company promptly on hand but did not work the Engine School House consumed and most of its contents Number of Men present 37 William Smith 1st William Parker 2^d Man at Engine House

Fires and Alarms

Jan'y 17th 1879

Fire House belonging to Joseph Malhot situated on Green St Alarm given at 325 Am House and all its contents consumed Origin of Fire defect in Chimney fully Insured Engine Company promptly but did not reach the fire as there was no Water Number of Men present 35 Anthony Austin 1st Jas H. Ward 2^d Man at Engine House

Feb 26th 1879

Alarm Fire at 11.15 A.M. proved to be in the Bates House situated on the corner of Center St Merchants Row Engine to promptly on hand Number of Men 36 Henry Austin 1st A. Austin 2^d Man at Engine House

April 14th 1879

The House belonging to Andy Mangin situated on Strong Av Alarm given at 535 A.M. House consumed and part of the Furniture partly Insured Company on hand but did not work the Engine Number of Men 30 S. F. Hunt 1st and Barney McLann 2^d Man at the Engine House

April 24th 1879

The House belonging to Kilfeather situated in the swamp in the rear of the Pound House House and most of the contents consumed fully Insured Number of Men 42 Jas H. Ward 1st and John Brown 2^d Man at Engine House Alarm given at 12.15 Am

Fires and Alarms

April 26th 1878

Alarm given at 110 A.M. Proved to be the Foundry of Mansfield and Stimpson Situated on Union St Company promptly on hand hose & did good service in helping to subdue the fire Number of Men 30 Chas Miron 1st Jos H Ward 2^d Man at Engine House

April 26th 1879

Fire Alarm given at 4 O'clock in the Morning proved to be in Cadens Brothers Block the origin of it Fire unknown Block Dwelling House & Barn Consumed and a considerable of the goods partially Insured Company promptly on hand and did good service Number of Men 49 Jos H Ward 1st and Louis Casey 2^d Man at Engine House

Alarm April 28th 1878

The House belonging to Welch situated in the East part of the Town on Green St House and most of its Contents Consumed Alarm given at 1015 P.M. Company responded but did not go to the fire Number of Men 47 A. Austin 1st and James Dougherty 2^d Man at Engine House

May 10th 1879

Alarm given at 830 P.M. proved to be the Chimney of Wicketon Sullivan House situated on West St Company on hand Number of Men 47 M. J. Higin 1st and William Smith 2^d Man at Engine House

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Alarm given at Eleven O'clock & Ten Minutes proved to be Bramton Block situated on Merchants Row Co promptly on hand Number of Men 42 James Ward 1st and Geo Silman 2^d Man at Engine House

Aug 23rd 1879

The House belonging to John Hickey situated on Strong Av Caught fire at Ten Minutes past One^{PM} but was put out without the help of the Fire Department Number of Men 35 Jim Clifford 1st and G. H. Chapman 2^d Man at Engine House

Sept 3rd 1879

Fire the House belonging to Mr Shaddock Situated on Elm St and Occupied J. Peck was Consumed and most of the Contents Consumed Origin of the fire supposed to be Incendary Alarm Sounded at Ten Minutes Past One Company on hand usual Number of Men 28 C. H. Woods 1st at Engine House

Oct 6th 1879

Fire the House belonging to John Travers and Occupied by him was Consumed by fire and most of its Contents Origin of fire defect in Chimney Alarm Sounded at 145 O'clock A.M. House situated on Meadow St Wicknackett first on the ground would of got the first stream if not Lavis would of let us work and Engine Number of Men 44 J. H. 1st and William Smith 2^d Man at Engine House

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Oct 7th 1879

Fire the House belonging to Pat Riley situated on Green St was burned and most of his furniture the Barn in the rear was also consumed Alarm sounded at twenty minutes to three in the morning the Co promptly on hand but did not work the engine the hose Co got the first on the fire number of men 31 Jim Clifford 1st James Dougherty 2^d man at Engine House

Nov 2nd 1879

Fire the House belonging to Walter C. Landon situated on the End of Grove Street and occupied by Leo Davis was consumed with the Barn Alarm given at eleven o'clock P.M. Origin of fire incendiary Mr Davis losses two cows & a horse no insurance Co promptly on hand number of men 32 Barney McEann 1st William Smith 2^d man at Engine House

Nov 11th 1879

Fire the Barn belonging to Leo Cory on Grove St situated in the rear of his house was consumed Origin of the fire unknown Alarm sounded at 9:45 o'clock P.M. Wickwackett hose got the first and did service number of men 36 Henry Clustor 1st William Smith 2^d man at Engine House

Fire and Alarms

Nov 24th 1879

Fire the Block owned by A.C. Bates and occupied by John D. Ryan as ~~the~~ Tin Shop caught fire at 11:15 minutes to twelve P.M. the fire Department promptly on hand but Wickwackett hose got the first on the fire. Origin of the fire unknown the Building was saved with a very little damage but Ryan stock was badly damaged number of men 26 Jim Clifford 1st B J Flynn 2^d man at Engine House

Nov 27th 1879

The Alarm of fire was sounded at 130 o'clock A.M. caused by the burning of the Floral Hall on the Fair Ground. The Co was the first on the scene Origin of fire incendiary number of men 15 1st Jim Clifford 2^d Frank Marry at Engine House
from side to center Aple 31 ft 7 1/2 inch to north East corner stone of Barn 21 ft 1 1/2 inch cutter

Floor Paint 7 lbs yellow ochre 3 pints Boiled Oil 1 Quart Turpentine 1 1/2 pint dryer 1 pint Varnish mixed
went to commence brush hard
Taylor moved in House February 24th 1918 at 1000 a month

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